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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/821,843
Applicants: Masashi GOTO, et al.
Filing Date: April 12, 2004
For: FILM-FORMING METHOD, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING DISPLAY DEVICE, AND
DISPLAY DEVICE
Group Art Unit: 2812
Examiner: GEYER, Scott B.

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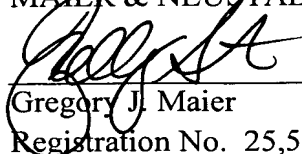
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Election of Species

Our check in the amount of **-0-** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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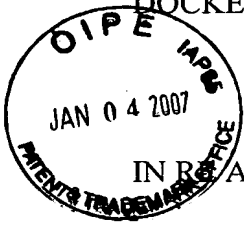
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2006, Applicants elect with
traverse Claims 1-4, 11 and 12 of the present application, which read on the elected Species
1.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement for the following
reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application
can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to
distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

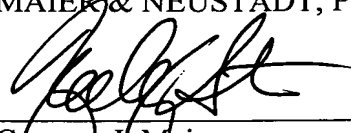
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding election of species requirement

on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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